

## I-405 Projects Update

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### **You're Invited to the Totem Lake Freeway Station Construction Kick-Off Event**

You're invited to join us for a kick-off event celebrating the start of construction on the new I-405 Totem Lake Freeway Station Project in Kirkland. This Sound Transit-funded project will provide improved access for buses, carpools and vanpools to the I-405 HOV lanes. It will also provide Kirkland drivers a new east-west route over I-405 at NE 128<sup>th</sup> Street. The new ramps and bridge will allow carpools, vanpools and buses to enter and exit the freeway without merging through three lanes of traffic. Eliminating this merge will ease congestion and enhance safety for all drivers. Bus riders will enjoy improved transit travel times and reliability.

**When:**

Friday, July 8, 1:00 p.m.

**Where:**

South side of the Kingsgate Park-and-Ride lot (13001 116<sup>th</sup> Way NE, Kirkland)

**Who:**

Scheduled speakers include U.S. Senator Patty Murray, State Transportation Secretary Doug MacDonald, Kirkland Mayor Mary-Alyce Burleigh and Bellevue Mayor Connie Marshall

For more information, please view the [invitation](#).

### **I-405 On-Ramp at NE 124<sup>th</sup> Street Closes for Seven Weeks Beginning in Late July**

In late July, crews plan to close the northbound I-405 on-ramp from westbound NE 124<sup>th</sup> Street in Kirkland for up to seven weeks to build retaining walls on both sides of the ramp. During this ramp closure, traffic will be detoured to the northbound on-ramp from Totem Lake Boulevard.

We'll have more details on this closure in our next e-mail update, and you can always visit [WSDOT's Totem Lake Freeway Station Project Web site](#) for the latest construction information.

Stay tuned for the launch of our new I-405 travel options Web site, coming soon. We'll provide resources to help you get around during construction, including links to [real time traffic information](#), [carpooling assistance](#), and [bus riding tips](#).

## **Kirkland Nickel Improvements Project Update**

On Friday, July 15, the Kirkland Nickel Improvements Project team will request proposals from three short-listed contracting firms to design and build the project. The contractors will submit their proposals to WSDOT by this fall. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2006.

In this project, we will add one new northbound lane on I-405 between NE 70<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 124<sup>th</sup> Street, and one new southbound lane between Highway 522 and Highway 520. We will also improve the I-405 interchange at NE 116<sup>th</sup> Street to allow more efficient traffic flow.

For more information, please visit the [Kirkland Nickel Improvements Project Web site](#).

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